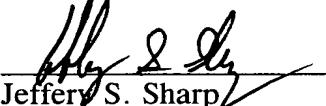




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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002 in the above-identified application in which all claims (1,2 and 4-21) were rejected. Reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed as a petition for a one month's extension of time to June 13, 2002 is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 18 and cancel claim 15 without prejudice.